GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BIS CERTIFICATION FOR SUGAR AND SUGAR PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have decided to cover sugar and sugar products under the Certification Mark Scheme of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have initiated to make it mandatory to obtain BIScertification for sugar and sugar products in order to establish better credibility of the quality of Indian sugar in the international market; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): The Department of Food and Public Distribution has given no objection to the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) to cover `sugar and sugar products` under their Certification Mark Scheme.The Certification Marks Scheme of the BIS is essentially voluntary. The BIS has reported that it has taken steps to process one application received by it to cover refined sugar manufactured as per IS 1151:1969 under their certification scheme.

The Department of Food and Public Distribution through a Press Released dated 6.2.2002 has mentioned that as the Certification Marks Scheme of the BIS is essentially voluntary, themanufacturers of sugar and sugar products shall be free to apply for BIS certification of their products. This will help in bringing enhanced quality awareness among the manufacturers of sugar and sugar products in addition to helping in establishing better credibility of the quality of Indian sugar in the international market.